

A SIMPLE SOLO DELVE

so-lo [verb] 1. to perform or accomplish something by oneself.

Ready for adventure? You need a game system (like D&D), some dice, a character, and a way to take notes.

You'll play the game system you chose; this framework will play the GM's role.

Whenever the GM would do a GM thing – set a scene, answer a question, act as an NPC – ask the Oracle or roll on a random chart instead.

When interpreting, trust your instincts and discard nonsense!

The Oracle

1-	2	3	4	5	6+
No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
and		but	but		and

An “and” answer is intensified. A “but” answer is twisted or weakened.

Pushing Forward

When you're not sure what's next or you roll doubles, roll an Element and Event and interpret them as a surprise event.

Goals

When you set a goal, explore 1d6 rooms before rolling again. Add +1 to each roll after the first; on a 7+ it's in the next room.

I've made my hero using the rules in the handbook; it's time to roll a starting scene. I roll a d6 and get a 1.

lost in the desert • at sea • in a tavern • in a forest • in a tomb • in a fight!

I'm lost in the desert after a bandit attack on my caravan.

Is there anything nearby? 6; yes, and... it's large. A pyramid? 5, yes.

I head in, looking for resources.

So what's this room like?

crumbling • dirty • disused • smooth • lavish • slippery

large • small • medium • cavern • great • chamber

sleep • eat • bodily function • prison • work • play

A crumbling (1), dirty (2) cavern (4) that's used for sleeping (4)? Sounds like a barracks.

[2-] Monster • [3] Trap • [4] Special • [6+] Empty

A monster (1), a hungry (1-4) spider (2-5)! Time to use the system mechanics. I look up a stat block, then roll to sneak by.

Failure! It's a fight! I turn to the "Combat" section of my rulebook...

1-2: cruel • depraved • brave • hungry • miserable • insane
3-4: degenerate • kind • obsessive • magical • superior • barbaric
5-6: mutated • greedy • generous • hateful • fearful • trapped

I've fought my way down, to a room with a Special feature (5).

A statue (1-2), of the Sun (6-1). Is it portable? (1) No, and it weighs a ton.

Recklessly, I touch it.

stronger • weaker • injury • attack • asleep • teleport

Stronger (1). Is it temporary? (5) Yes. I check for a potion to use as the base.

Time to move. How many exits? 1 (a d6, divided by 2, and rounded up).

north • south • east • west • up • down

straight • bend left • bend right • slope up • slope down • doubles back

Looks like I'm headed down (6), on a slope (5). Adventure awaits!

What Does It Do?

1	Search	2	Steal	3	Fix
4	Hunt	5	Build	6	Kill

Why?

1	Rebel	2	History	3	Desire
4	Honor	5	Mistake	6	Debt

Room Contents

1	Cage	2	Statue	3	Sack	4	Box	5	Draft	6	Body
2	Bucket		Perfume		Blood		Cauldron		Scrolls		Chest
3	Pedestal		Wet floor		Mural		Furniture		Golem		Mirror
4	Lake		Fountain		Jars		Bed		Camp		Rack
5	Forge		Pack		Books		Grate		Niche		Hole
6	Nest		Bones		Altar		Rubble		Chain		Toy

Elements (Literal or Figurative)

1	Rider	2	Clover	3	Ship	4	House	5	Tree	6	Clouds
2	Snake		Coffin		Bouquet		Scythe		Whip		Birds
3	Child		Fox		Bear		Stars		Storks		Dog
4	Tower		Garden		Mountain		Crossroad		Mice		Heart
5	Ring		Book		Letter		Man		Woman		Lily
6	Sun		Moon		Key		Fish		Anchor		Cross

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These techniques are universal to soloing; you can find more at the Lone Wolf Google+ Group

1-2: beast • sentient beast • goblinoid • elf • spider • aberration
3-4: insect • humanoid • demihuman • automaton • elemental • magical beast
5-6: plant • mindless undead • vermin • sentient undead • demon • abomination